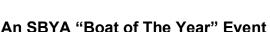
## 2023 WINDJAMMER REGATTA

**Venice Yacht Club & Venice Sailing Squadron** 

January 28 & 29, 2023





## **Notice of Race**

- 1. RULES: The regatta shall be governed by the 2021-2024 US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); the current Class Rules of West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF); The Sarasota Bay Yachting Association (SBYA) "Boat of the Year" Notice of Series; this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7). This event will be a WFPHRF Category 4 event, and all boats must have a functioning GPS and VHF radio.
- 2. **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The organizing authorities are the Venice Yacht Club (VYC) and the Venice Sailing Squadron (VSS).
- 3. **QUALIFYING SERIES:** The first two races run will be qualifiers for the SBYA Boat of the Year Series.
- 4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** This regatta is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF Rating Certificate.

Boats shall enter online at <a href="https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25563">https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25563</a> by completing the registration form, agreeing to the conditions of entry, and paying the entry fee. Complete entries must be received by 4:00 pm on Thursday, January 26.

- 5. **ENTRY FEE:** The non-refundable entry fee is \$50 and includes beer and chips on Saturday afternoon, two Saturday dinner tickets, and crew breakfast on Sunday. Any surplus proceeds will be donated to the Venice Youth Boating Association.
- 6. **COURSES:** Courses will be as stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the intent of the organizing authority that the first day will consist of a race from Long Boat Pass to Venice, and that the second day will consist of one or more triangle buoy races of three legs or more outside the Venice Inlet.
- 7. **SCHEDULE:** The dates of racing will be as follows:

1/28/2023	1030am.	Race from Long Boat Pass to Venice.
1/29/2022	930am.	First buoy race off Venice. There will be no starts after 12pm.

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- 8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND SCRATCH SHEET:** The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheet will be posted by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 27 on the Regatta Network site.
- 9. **SKIPPERS MEETING**: The skippers meeting will be held on the evening of Friday, January 27 via Zoom, and further details will be sent to registered boats via email prior to the meeting.
- 10. **DIVISIONS:** Divisions will be determined by the organizing authority based on the entries received.
- 11. SCORING: RRS Appendix A (Low-point system) will be used for race scoring. For each division, all races in which there are at least two starters and one finisher will constitute a race, one race will constitute a series, and no scores will be excluded. Individual race finish times will be determined using the Time-On-Distance method for each boat's WFPHRF RLC rating.
- 12. **CRUISER-CLASS CRUISING SPINNAKERS:** Cruiser Class boats are allowed to use a cruising spinnaker per Appendix E of the WFPHRF Rules. The cruising spinnaker declaration must be made upon entry but may be amended until 4:00pm on Thursday January 26 by sending an email to racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.
- 13. **AWARDS:** Awards will be made per division as follows:
  - 1st and 2nd when a minimum of 3 boats per division have competed in the regatta; and
  - 1st only when a minimum of 2 boats per division have competed in the regatta.
- 14. **BERTHING:** Dock space at the Venice Yacht Club will be very limited and will be made available preferentially to entrants with reciprocal yacht club privileges on a first-requested basis. Raft-up berthing will also be available at Higel Park (adjacent to the Venice Yacht Club) and there may be berthing available at local-area marinas. Overflow car parking may be available at Higel or Graser Parks.
- 15. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** For further information, please contact the Race Committee at racing@venicesailingsquadron.org.

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